Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think these particular shirts were restored to them.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Are they still in the possession of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know whether they have auctioned or otherwise disposed off.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did the Government look whether these badges are removable.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They might be.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was not a statement taken from the volunteers by the police in the evening regarding some of the injuries on their back?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

139. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Satyagraha under-trial prisoners in the Ernakulam sub-jail were deprived of their shirts, caps and second cloths after they were taken to the sub-jail.

(b) for how many days they were so deprived;

(c) under what section or sections of the jail rules were they so deprived;

(d) whether under-trials are so deprived of their clothing in the Central Jail;

(e) whether the under-trials protested against the drpriva-tion of their clothing;

(f) whether they were on hunger-strike to signify their protest;

(g) when the hunger strike commenced;

(h) when it terminated;

(i) what other grievances they had for going on hunger-strike;

(j) how many days and hours after their arrest were the under-trials allowed to bathe;

(k) the reason for the delay?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) and (b) The Police removed the shirt with the Satyagraha badges. But the prisoners were not deprived of their wearing apparel.

(c) Under section 36, Criminal Procedure Code and Article 132 of the Police Manual.

(d) No.

(e) They did not protest against the procedure contemplated by section 36 of the Criminal Procedure Code. Some of them however told the Sub-jail Superintendent that they would like to have shirts or Banians for purposes of conducting their prayers and they were allowed the same at their own cost.

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(f), (g) and (h) Five out of the 20 Prisoners were on hunger strike for 2 days, i. e., on 1st Dhanu 1109 and 2nd Dhanu 1109 As usual meals were supplied to them but they refused to take them.

(i) They wanted to have newspapers, extra dress and meals after nightfall during the Ramzan fast.

(j) and (k) The usual facilities for bath were given.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—With reference to the wearing apparel of under-trial prisoners is there any provision in the jail rules? Are the Government aware of some provision with regard to the wearing apparel of under-trial prisoners.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No information. I must look the rules. Notice.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—(i) Were these things supplied to them subsequently?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think one of them was placed as a special class prisoner and he was given special facilities and all the others were treated as third class prisioners.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—With regard to the others were they given facilities subsequently?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Later on one was placed as a first class prisoner and he was given some extra facitities that are generally given to first class prisoners. Others were not given such facilities. Whether it includes newspapers, meals, etc., I think that particular gentleman got all these. Others did not.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Is there classification even among under-trial prisoners according to the jail rules?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think because it is the Magistrate who is to decide to which class he is to be sent.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—That will be after conviction. Before conviction all are treated alike.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Was there any special reason why others were not given the same facilities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The others were placed as ordinary class prisoners. They were not given all these facilities. One was placed in the special class and he was given all facilities. This was after he was produced in the court and after remand.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—It is only after conviction that they become regular prisoners. There is no difference when

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they are under-trial prisoners. Was there any special reason why facilities granted to one were not extended to others?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because they did not belong to that class.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—But all were under-trial prisoners.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, I made a mistake.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did not some others belong to the landed classes and were not some Panchayat Presidents and members among the ordinary class prisoners.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I do not think under the rules they are entitled to special concession. It is only with the special sanction of the Government that such privileges were given to one of them.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—(j and k) The answer is vague. Were they given facilities for bath on the day they were arrested?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What are the usual facilities referred to?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Under the jail rules.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What are they?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Under the jail rules are they allowed to bathe every day?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon—Notice.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether cigarette was supplied to some of them?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes, in the Central Jail.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Were cigarettes supplied to the under-trial prisoners at Ernakulam in the sub-jail?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Not that I know of.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether the supply of cigarettes is permitted under the jail rules?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Not under the jail rules.

Mr. George Chakyamuri—Then why was it given?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—In medical advice.

Interview with Satyagraha volunteers—stamping of applications for.

140. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the official capacity in which the Kanayannur Second Class Magistrate permits persons to interview under-trial prisoners in the Ernakulam sub-jail.

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